food adulteration, a legislation called "The Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954" has been enacted. This Act is enforced in the States/UTs through their enforcement machinery comprising of Food (Health) Authority, Local (Health) Authorities and Food Inspectors.

(b) to (e) The enforcement staff of the States/UTs regularly draw random samples of various food commodities being sold in the markets to ascertain food adulteration.

Media Reports on food adulteration, as and when they appear are thoroughly investigated and necessary directions are issued to the concerned Food (Health) Authorities to investigate the matter and take appropriate action under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder.

(f) The Central Committee for Food Standards which is an Advisory Committee of the Central Govt. on food standards, have members from the industries, traders and other like organizations to put forth their views in setting of Prevention of Food Adulteration Standards/specifications, amendments to rules etc.

Lack of staff in CGHS dispensary

†2031. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ayurvedic dispensaries located in central zone of CGHS lack adequate number of clerks and chowkidars, etc., and as a result thereof, they have not been able to function smoothly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would ensure posting of appropriate number of clerks and other staff in ayurvedic dispensary at North Avenue and ayurvedic hospital at Lodhi Road so that they are able to function smoothly; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) There are two Ayurvedic dispensaries fucntioning in Central Zone. One Chowkidar is posted in Kali Bari Allopathic, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic

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Dispensary Complex and one Chowkidar has been posted in North Avenue Dispensary. Due to a large number of vacancies of posts of Group C & D Staff under CGHS Delhi, the vacant post of one Clerk in North Avenue Dispensary could not be filled up. However, this vacancy has not affected the functioning of North Avenue dispensary.

As per instructions of Government on optimisation of staff strength in various Organisations, only 1/3rd of direct recruitment non-technical vacant posts are permitted to be filled up.

(c) and (d) The vacancies are due to promotion/retirement/ resignation or death etc. which is a continuous process and efforts are made to fill up the vacancies as early as possible in accordance with the Government instructions.

American model of health care in Indian mega cities

2032. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to adopt the US model of health care in Indian mega cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the matter is likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Adulterated milk in metros

†2033. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of the milk being sold in Delhi and other metropolitan cities of the country is adulterated and it contains a preservative called 'thiocyanate' leading to goitre in children;

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